

## The Way of Our World

The fascists allow no beauty parades in Italy.

More than 100 billion cigarettes were smoked in 1928.

Railroads claim 26,000,000 acres of land under federal grants.

The children's court of New York heard 11,944 cases last year.

Because of the intense cold, wolves have invaded villages in Jugoslavia.

Fred A. Hartley, Jr., 26, of New Jersey is the youngest member of Congress.

Eleven persons were killed at a recent avalanche near Alma-Ata, Siberian Turkestan.

A judge in Poplar Bluff, Mo., fined himself \$5 for being forty-five minutes late to court.

Baron Long's Ervast, champion of the Pacific Coast, will run in the Kentucky Derby, May 18.

The daily average of intoxicated persons in Moscow is 175; on church holidays the number rises to 500.

A false passport agency allowing criminals and deserters to leave the country has been found in Madrid.

A memorial is to be erected in Honolulu to Queen Liliuokalani with the words of "Aloha Oe" carved on it.

"The Patriot" starring Emil Jannings was selected the finest picture of 1928 from a poll taken in thirty-six countries.

The original autographed copy of Sheridan's "School for Scandal" with a prologue by Garrick has just been sold in New York.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, who has been teaching in Constantinople for six months, is now in Genoa prior to sailing for New York.

After three years' employment, the average business girl in New York City earns \$33.50 a week for a working week of about fifty hours.

Joseph Davis living in San Francisco finished his millionth game of checkers the other day at the age of 85; he averages fifty games a day.

Although there are over 700 prisoners in the New York state prison, the prison population of Sing Sing has reached the record of 1797.

Harold L. Oliver, operating the amateur radio station KTAER, in Bering Sea, has communicated with the Byrd expedition in the Antarctic.

The South Dakota State Society feasted on elk meat at its annual dinner; 200 pounds of it were supplied by a game park in the Black Hills.

George E. Stallings, financial wizard and manager of the Standard Diamond Co. of New York, was arrested for giving a bad check for \$208.

The American tanker steamer W. K. Hutton made one of the quickest rescues on record in picking up the Dagfin fifteen minutes after an S O S was sent.

A ten-year-old child established his brave record among his playmates, when he climbed a 60-foot power transmission tower and touched a 13,000-volt line.

The changing economic status of women is evidenced by the increasing number of women appointed as postmasters at offices of first, second and third classes.

Bandits robbed patrons and the cash register in a New York cafe, but before leaving, they returned to each patron enough money to pay his check and car fare.

Louis Pioli, slayer of William Brennan, heavyweight pugilist, is under arrest, having escaped from Sing Sing two years ago. Since he has been free, he killed his father and two brothers, and wounded his mother.

The former director of Czar Nicholas' Imperial band, Leopold Radowsky, is now the director of the Perry, Okla., high school orchestra; Radowsky came to the United States with a group of Cossaks in the 101 Ranch Show.

The morals of college students are rapidly improving is the conclusion of the Rev. Leslie Glenn, secretary of college work of the Episcopal Church, who has been conducting an intensive survey of student morals in all parts of the country.

Not content to show her interest in helping the American Museum of Natural History by mere financial backing, Mrs. Sarah L. Strauss has joined an expedition to a central African lake, where she will take part in the collection of curious birds.

—AND SOME HUMOR—

Little Leonard had been told by his parents that whenever visitors called at the house it was his duty to pay them some attention.

Some few days later Mrs. Daniel, who had been asked to tea, arrived, and Leonard was cautioned to behave himself.

Tea was just ready when the small boy sauntered into the room and remarked in his best drawing room manner:

"How do you do, Mrs. Daniel? So pleased you've come. I've just been reading about your husband's amazing experience in the den of lions."

—COMMENTS ON LIFE—

The greatest things in life are not proved by logic, they are found out by experience.—Rev. H. H. Grevedy.

Modesty consists not only in seeing yourself truly as you are, but in seeing others just as truly.—Dr. Charles B. Ackley.

—AND SOME VERSE—

To a Poet  
Many singers, like the phoebe,  
Who have little to say,  
Declaim in places prominent  
The living day.

But one I know, a hermit thrush,  
With plumage to display,  
Even from all admirers,  
Sings beautifully away.

—Walter Hendricks.

SUPT. DONNER  
IS NEUTRAL ON  
SOFTENER PLAN

City Will Have Equipment in Few Years, He Believes

## TALKS TO CLUB WOMEN

Water Chief Says Customers Have Doubled in Eight Years

The Women's Democratic Club of Columbia gave \$25 yesterday to Boone County's contribution to the deficit of the National Democratic Committee. The Women's Democratic Club of Columbia is the first Women's Club in Missouri to take action in helping pay the deficit of the national committee.

A. D. Donner, superintendent of the Columbia water and light department, in a talk before the Women's Democratic Club yesterday afternoon, said he wished to remain strictly neutral on the question of a water softener for Columbia.

He said that for several years the local plant has used soft water within the plant itself in order to keep the machinery in the best condition. He believes that within a few years the city will be furnished with soft water, but he said that at the present time he believed the cost was beyond the reach of the department.

His remarks on the water softener were made after he had been questioned by members of the club.

Mr. Donner spoke to the women on the history, development and service of the water and light plant as a municipal institution. When in August, 1904, the city purchased the plant from W. T. Anderson and R. B. Price for \$68,680, it was located on Hinkson Creek at the east limits of the city.

He said that the present plant is located here, said the machinery was moved from Hinkson Creek to an old wooden building near Moore's Lake, originally built for storing ice.

Four Bond Issues Floated  
From August, 1904, until July, 1907, the management was vested in a Board of Public Works. Since July 1, 1907, the City Council through a Water and Light Committee has conducted all business pertaining to the plant, Mr. Donner said.

Since the establishment of the plant four bond issues, in 1904, 1905, 1906 and 1910, have brought the total bonded indebtedness of the plant to \$265,000. In 1910 the last issue, of \$125,000, was for the purpose of building a new plant and buying new equipment.

The plant as well as the water mains and the distribution system was in a rather bad state of affairs at the time of the purchase of the plant. In 1904 there were 970 light consumers, and water consumers were on a flat rate. The total collection for December, 1906, was \$3020.89, while the total for the same month in 1928 was \$38,905.82.

In December, 1928, the department collected more than was collected in the entire year of 1904 when the plant was established. In 1928 there were 2277 light, 2293 water, and eighty-three power consumers. In 1928 there were 4138 light, 3743 water, 157 power, seventy-two stove and ninety-eight refrigerator customers. The increase in eight years is almost double.

From 1924 until 1928 the electric load of the plant has increased from 1120 kilowatt peak load to 2150 kilowatt peak load. The water consumption has increased from about one million gallons per day to a million and a half gallons per day. During the last four years the equipment of the plant has been increased, including the addition of a \$6500 water softening unit for plant use.

Rates Are Reasonable  
Referring to the development and service of the plant Mr. Donner said: "The growth of our receipts is not due altogether to new customers, as there are more electrical appliances sold each year, and every household has a refrigerator, and labor-saving devices which are electrically operated."

"Our rates compare very favorably with other cities of our size in the state. Following are several towns and the rates for light and water in each."

"Louisiana—Water, 55 cents per thousand gallons; light, 15 cents per kilowatt."

"Kirkville—Water, 46 cents per thousand gallons; light, 13 cents per kilowatt."

"Mexico—Water, 50 cents per thousand gallons; light, 13 cents per kilowatt."

"Cape Girardeau—Water, 40 cents per thousand gallons; light, 11 cents per kilowatt."

"Joplin—Water, 35 cents per thousand gallons; light, 8 cents per kilowatt."

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Here Mr. Donner explained that Hannibal and Cape Girardeau, which take their water supply from the river, are naturally able to furnish it more cheaply than towns which take their water from wells.

Continuing, Mr. Donner said:

## The Weather

For Columbia and vicinity: Mostly cloudy, occasional snow flurries tonight and Friday; much colder tonight, temperature about 6 above zero.

For Missouri: Mostly cloudy tonight and Friday; snow probable; much colder tonight in east and south portion.

Shippers forecast: Within a radius of 200 miles of Columbia the lowest temperatures are expected to be: West and North, 0 to 10 below; East and South 8 above.

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PLANE BROKEN  
IN ITS FORCED  
LANDING HERE

Alights in Field Where Bumping Causes \$500 Damage

## MEN ARE NOT INJURED

Were on Way to Omaha and Had Stopped Here to Repair Ship

Pilot F. D. "Chief" Bowhan, H. O'Boyle, and Waldo Wade, foreman at Clinkscale Garage, narrowly escaped serious injury at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when their plane was forced down in a cornfield near West Boulevard and Worley Street because of a clogged gas line. The landing gear was smashed and the crankcase broken, with damage estimated at \$500.

Bowhan is the pilot who was employed by Kenneth B. Coulter of Clifton Springs, N. Y., a few weeks ago to chase his prospective bride, Miss Ruth McConnell, across the United States. Miss McConnell and Mr. Coulter were married on Jan. 30.

Bowhan is stopping at the Missouri Hotel in Jefferson City and was not in Columbia today.

Bowhan and O'Boyle had been taking pictures of the Missouri River for the United States government and were on their way to Omaha, where the plane is stationed, when motor trouble forced them down near Columbia. They hired Wade to work on their plane and were testing the motor before continuing the trip when the accident occurred.

The plane would not have been injured if the pilot had not had to land crossways of rows in the field, where continual bumping for almost 100 yards after the plane landed caused the landing gear to be torn loose, which in turn caused the crankcase to hit the ground hard enough to break it. The ship was at an altitude of 1000 feet when the motor went dead.

GIVES LAW BOOKS TO CITY  
Judge Gentry Presents Volumes on Municipal Corporations

Judge N. T. Gentry yesterday presented the city's legal department two volumes of "Dillon on Municipal Corporations." These books formerly belonged to the late Thomas B. Gentry, father of Judge Gentry. The title page of each book is marked: "T. B. Gentry, May 9, 1876—2 volumes, \$4.00."

Thomas B. Gentry was in the early '80's a justice of peace in Columbia township. He was also police judge of Columbia while William J. Stone, later governor of Missouri, was city attorney.

From the book "Bench and Bar of Boone County" by Todd Gentry, an interesting sketch of the life of Thomas Gentry follows:

"When the University Law School opened in 1872, Thomas Gentry was 42 years old. He decided to enter the school—the first married man to attend the University. Considerable talk was created in Columbia by the incident. Some people thought he was going through a second childhood. A friend addressed his opinion in rhyme and mailed it on a postal card to Mr. Gentry: 'An old married man going to school. Forty years old, and a darned old fool.'"

Mr. Gentry was graduated in law at the age of 44, the oldest person who has up to that time graduated from any division of the University. He gave up active practice in Columbia, later, because of failing health.

Judge John F. Dillon, the author of the volumes was the circuit judge of the United States for the Eighth Judicial Circuit, and prior to that time had been one of the justices of the Supreme Court of Iowa. He was recognized as an authority on municipal law.

BOOTH FURNAL TOMORROW  
Burial Will Take Place in Columbia Cemetery

The funeral of John Henry Booth, deputy sheriff who died yesterday of pneumonia, will be held at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Baptist Church. The services will be conducted by Masonic Order.

Booth will be buried in the Columbia Cemetery. The pallbearers will be W. W. Woods, Judge J. E. Barnes, Charles E. Northcutt, Thad B. Hickman, P. T. King, and Dr. F. C. Suggert.

THIRTY-SIX ATTEND DINNER  
Rev. L. W. Smith Speaks to Group on "Friendship With God"

Thirty-six persons attended an "alphabetical dinner" given in the Student Center of the First Baptist Church last evening at 6:30 o'clock. There were four tables, A, B, C, D. Those whose names began with these letters.

Dinner was followed by games which were led by the Rev. Luther Wesley Smith. An hour's devotional service at which Mr. Smith spoke on "Friendship With God," followed.

MRS. J. H. MILLER BURIED  
Mexico, Mo., Woman's Funeral Held at New Hope Church

Funeral services for Mrs. J. Henry Miller of Mexico, Mo., were held at the New Hope Baptist Church by the Rev. J. S. Jesse this morning.

Mrs. Miller died Tuesday, the day before her thirty-ninth birthday. Before her marriage about fifteen years ago, she was Miss Bertha Mauch. Mr. and Mrs. Miller had lived in Mexico for about twelve years.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband and one son, Louis, 13,

## POLICE SEEK M. U. STUDENT

University Man Wanted for Writing Fraudulent Checks

A student in the University is being sought by Columbia police for the writing of fraudulent checks to local merchants.

Checks passed by him, the majority of which are written on his father's, on an Illinois bank, range from \$10 to \$15. Several of a like denomination were written on a Moberly bank.

At Levy's, Peck Drug Company, Woolf Brothers, Prather's, and several other business houses, the student made purchases and received different amounts of cash after presenting checks on his father's account.

Last yesterday afternoon police went to the room of the student, but were unable to locate him. They were of the opinion that he had left the city.

MAJOR TO CAPE GIRARDEAU

Will Consult on Landscaping at Teachers' College There

Prof. H. F. Major left yesterday for Cape Girardeau where he will consult with the officials of South-east Missouri State Teachers' College in reference to the developing and landscaping of the institution's grounds.

He has just lately returned from Adrian, where he was consulted by the Chamber of Commerce in reference to the development of the city cemetery.

CRUISER BILL IS PASSED BY HOUSE  
Senate Amendment Is Adopted Without Record Vote

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U.P.)—Congress today sent to President Coolidge for signature legislation authorizing construction of fifteen new cruisers and one modern airplane carrier for the navy.

The House without a record vote, adopted the Senate amendment to the cruiser bill and thus virtually ended the fight over ten 10,000-ton cruisers as the President is expected to sign the measure.

Deadlocked on Dry Measure  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 7 (U.P.)—The congressional quarrel over the proposed \$24,000,000 prohibition increase became so involved today the leaders just decided to forget about it for a while.

With the House and Senate conferees deadlocked over the proposal, the House strongly against the amendment, and the Senate favoring it, all offers of compromise have been turned down and threats are being made that the whole program of the government supply bills may be jeopardized.

ROY WILSON ARRESTED HERE  
Is Taken to Kansas City by Federal Men on Narcotic Charge

Following his arrest Tuesday night for possession of narcotics, Roy Wilson was taken to Kansas City today by representatives of the federal government.

Wilson was arrested last Tuesday night as he got off a bus from St. Louis on Paris Road near his home on St. James Street. After attempting to throw away the drugs which he had, Wilson struck at one officer with a knife.

Local police have had him in charge, awaiting message from Kansas City federal office. Fifty-five dollars worth of drugs was found in Wilson's possession.

Wilson has been arrested here before on a similar charge, and also for peddling narcotics.

TO START NEW SOCIAL PLAN  
Baptist Church Will Hold Open House Twice Each Week

"Open House" will be held in the student parlors of the First Baptist Church each Friday and Saturday evening from 7 to 9:30 o'clock, according to Miss Thelma Le Master, student secretary. This plan is one which has not been used in Columbia before.

The purpose of these meetings is to bring young people of the city together each week for a short social session, at which games will be played.

MRS. ELIZA PALMER BURIED  
Funeral Held at Hinton for Woman Who Died in Texas

Mrs. Eliza Palmer was buried Tuesday afternoon in the Baptist Church Cemetery at Hinton. Funeral services were conducted at her home by the Rev. Benjamin Goslin.

Mrs. Palmer died Saturday while visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. F. Enoch of Mercedes, Tex. She had been suffering from heart disease and dropsy. Her body was brought to Columbia Monday by her son-in-law, J. F. Enoch.

PROF. HIBBARD IS INJURED  
X-Ray Shows Broken Rib Received in Fall Last Sunday

H. Wade Hibbard, professor of mechanical engineering in the University, fell at his home Sunday morning and an X-ray taken yesterday showed that he had suffered a broken rib and had cracked another one.

Prof. Hibbard met his classes until he learned of the extent of his injuries. He is now at his home, 1307 Wilson Avenue.

HAS BEEN HOST TO COOLIDGE  
F. E. Rhoades, a Detained Pilot Here, Entertained President

F. E. Rhoades of Rapid City, S. D., is still detained in Columbia waiting for parts for his damaged monoplane which crashed here two weeks ago.

Rhoades is a pilot for Lee Boyer of Deadwood, S. D., a former student in the University in 1902. Mr. Rhoades and his father were hosts to President Coolidge last summer at their ranch in the Black Hills.

CIVIC CLUBS TO  
CO-OPERATE IN  
SCOUT PARTIES

Nearly 1800 Persons Will Participate Friday Night

## HONORING 19TH BIRTHDAY

Radio Stations Arrange Broadcasting Hours for Celebration

Between twelve and eighteen hundred persons will participate in the troop "family parties" here, on Friday evening, Feb. 8, the opening day of the Boy Scout Anniversary Week. At 8:15 o'clock the Scouts, their parents,